in [counsel's] decision to terminate his search for records corroborative of Roane's alibi." Pet. App. 56a. That limited search cannot constitute "reasonable efforts" given the potentially critical nature of the hotel records to petitioner's guilt phase, counsel's strong reasons for believing such records existed, see pp. 6-7, *supra*, and the minimal effort that was required to locate them more than six years later. Accordingly, the Court should grant the petition and review the ineffective assistance of counsel claim on the merits. At a minimum, it should grant the petition, vacate the court of appeals' judgment, and remand the case (GVR) for reconsideration in light of *Rompilla*.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and those stated in the petition, the petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted. In the alternative and at a minimum, the Court should grant the petition, vacate the court of appeals' judgment, and remand the case for reconsideration in light of *Rompilla*.

Respectfully submitted.

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